

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 7, and 8 are now pending in this application. Claims 2, 3, 7, and 8 are independent. Claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1, 4, 6, 10 and 11 have been canceled. No new matter is involved with any claim amendment.

Enablement Rejection Under §112¶1

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement is requested. These claims have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot.

Anticipation Rejection By Meyer et al.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Meyer et al. (EP 0964608 A2) is requested. These claims have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot.

Anticipation Rejection By Ueno

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ueno (USPN 6441339 B1) is requested. These claims have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot.

Anticipation Rejection By Dittman et al.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Dittman et al. (USPN 5763854) is requested. Claim 4 been canceled, thus rendering its rejection moot.

Anticipation Rejection By Takanashi et al.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Takanashi et al. (USPN 5842627) is requested. Claim 4 been canceled, thus rendering its rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 2-3 and 7-8 are drawn to allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. In reliance thereupon, claims 2-3 and 7-8 have been rewritten in independent form. Allowance of claims 2-3 and 7-8 are requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants believe that each of pending claims 2-3 and 7-8 in this application is in immediate condition for allowance. An early indication of the same would be appreciated.

For any fees that are due, including fees for excess claims, please charge CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22040-00034-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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